

priced vegetables cultivated in Japan, the young shoots being used as an excellent salad. The little book by Professor Tanaka, *Useful Plants of Japan*, issued by the Agricultural Society of Japan, says concerning it: "*Mitsuba*, *Mitsuba-jeri*, a perennial herb of the order Umbelliferae growing wild in moist valleys, but much cultivated from seeds or by dividing the roots. In spring young leaves come forth to a height of about one foot. They are eaten boiled, and the roots can also be eaten fried. One variety with fine thread-like petioles and shooting bushes to 8-10 inches high is called *Ito-mitsuba* (thread honewot.)" Apparently worthy of trial by American amateurs.

*Diospyros kaki* L.f. (Ebenaceae.) 39912-913. Cuttings of persimmons from Kansu, China. 39912, "from near Kwa tsa, a remarkably large and beautiful persimmon of very flat shape and bearing some furrows on top. Color bright deep orange; seedless, non-juicy, of excellent keeping qualities; can be eaten fresh or dried; not free from pucker. Quite a rare variety. Local name *Momo sze tze*, meaning 'loaf of bread persimmon,' though many different forms pass under that name;" and 39913, "a persimmon of square shape, bearing generally a constriction close to the peduncle, also often furrowed vertically. Of light orange color, seedless; non-juicy; a very good keeper but of astringent properties when eaten fresh, therefore consumed when roasted or steamed, by which processes the pucker disappears for the greater part; also much eaten dried. Chinese name *Fang sze tze*, meaning 'square persimmon.'" (Frank N. Meyer's introductions and description.)

*Euonymus* sp. (Celastraceae.) 39903. Cuttings from near Ka go ba, Kansu, China. "A spindle wood, growing into a medium-sized tree with a dense, well rounded head of branches. Leaves round elliptical, of opaque green color and somewhat wrinkled. Collected at an elevation of 8000 feet. Of value as an ornamental park tree for the cooler sections of the United States." (Frank N. Meyer's introduction and description.)

*Hicksbeachia pinnatifolia* Mueller. (Proteaceae.) 39871. Seeds from Burringbar P. O., New South Wales. Presented by Mr. B. Harrison. "Red bush nuts. This tree grows to a height of 30 or 40 feet and the fruit is borne in racemes, attached to the bark and branches of the tree, each carrying 10 or 12 fruits. The flavor is not quite so good as the Queensland nut, *Macadamia ternifolia*, nor does it keep so well, but nevertheless they are sold in some fruit shops